[Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Creeper cutting is done in coupes taken up for exploitation, simultaneously with the marking of the trees to be felled. A sum of Rs. 1,000 has been provided for this purpose in the budget for 1098.

For fire protection, a sum of Rs. 7,100 has been allotted in the budget for 1098. This amount has been distributed among the Divisional Forest Officers for clearing fire-lines and protecting the reserves from fire.

Teak Plantations in the Southern Division.

180. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many teak plantations there are in the Southern Division;

(*b*) who the Ranger in charge is;

(*c*) whether he had any practical experience of similar work in Travancore;

(*d*) how many times, and when last, the Conservator of Forests inspected them;

(*e*) whether the plantations are not a failure; and

(*f*) what the methods adopted in transplanting are?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) One, *viz.*, that at Paraliar.

(*b*) Mr. T. D. Kuppuswami Aiyar.

(*c*) He has had training at Dehra Dhun and has acquired some experience of planting methods in Travancore.

(*d*) The Conservator of Forests inspected the plantation twice, the last inspection being in Tulam, 1098.

(*e*) The plantation is not a failure, although some plants withered for want of timely rains.

(*f*) Stump planting.

Economic Survey of Forests.

181. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state why the Senior Deputy Conservator is not allowed to continue the work of the economic survey of the forests, which his predecessor, the present Conservator of Forests, had been doing?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: A senior officer will be set free when the Forest College closes early in 1099 and the question of deputing a suitable officer for the economic survey of forests will be then considered.

Roller purchased for the Forest Department.

182. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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